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**H.R. 5819- SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act**

1. Structured rule.
2. Provides one hour of general debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology.
3. Waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI.
4. Provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business, now printed in the bill, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.
5. Waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI. This waiver does not affect the point of order available under clause 9 of rule XXI (regarding earmark disclosure).
6. No amendments shall be in order except those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution.
7. Provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.
8. Waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI.

9. Provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.
10. Provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker.

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## RESOLUTION

*Resolved*, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5819) to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Small Business and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science and Technology. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived except those arising under clause 10 of rule XXI. Notwithstanding clause 11 of rule XVIII, no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may

demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Sec. 2. During consideration in the House of H.R. 5819 pursuant to this resolution, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to such time as may be designated by the Speaker.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO BE MADE IN ORDER**  
(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)  
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<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debate Time</b>
<b>1. Boswell (IA)/Sutton (OH):</b>	<b>#1</b>	The amendment would give priority to applications from companies located in areas that have lost a major source of employment.	(10 minutes)
<b>2. Ehlers (MI):</b>	<b>#17</b>	The amendment strikes section 102 - doing so leaves the current set-asides for SBIR and STTR unchanged.	(10 minutes)
<b>3. Sestak (PA):</b>	<b>#3</b>	The amendment notifies an applicant to the SBIR and STTR programs, who is not successful in receiving an award, that the applicant can request an explanation of why the applicant did not receive the award.	(10 minutes)
<b>4. Matheson (UT):</b>	<b>#23</b>	The amendment gives priority to small businesses and organizations, in the awarding of SBIR, STTR, and FAST grants, that are making significant contributions towards energy efficiency, including those that are making efforts to reduce their carbon footprint or are carbon neutral.	(10 minutes)
<b>5. Giffords (AZ):</b>	<b>#12</b>	<b>(REVISED)</b> The amendment would mandate that SBIR awardees must be entities with their primary business operations in the United States.	(10 minutes)
<b>6. Graves (MO):</b>	<b>#5</b>	<b>(REVISED)</b> The amendment strikes and replaces Title II, regarding venture capital investment standards.	(10 minutes)
<b>7. Matsui (CA):</b>	<b>#19</b>	The amendment adds business incubators as eligible for the partnerships with SBIR awardees that are required by section 404. The amendment also defines the term "business incubators" for this purpose.	(10 minutes)

<b>8. Sutton (OH):</b>	<b>#10</b>	The amendment provides that veterans will be given priority when applying for SBIR and STTR awards.	(10 minutes)
<b>9. Sutton (OH):</b>	<b>#9</b>	The amendment requires agencies that administer SBIR programs to give special consideration to pressing transportation and infrastructure research activities, as identified by reports issued by the Department of Transportation and National Academy of Sciences.	(10 minutes)
<b>10. Barrow (GA):</b>	<b>#7</b>	The amendment establishes a pilot program to make grants to minority institutions that partner with nonprofit organizations that have experience developing relationships between industry, minority institutions, and other entities.	(10 minutes)
<b>11. Capito (WV):</b>	<b>#4</b>	The amendment changes section 104, regarding the SBIR Advisory Board. It would add to small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans to the groups to be targeted by the board to make applications for SBIR grants.	(10 minutes)
<b>12. Carney (PA):</b>	<b>#13</b>	The amendment would allow the Administrator of the SBA to view favorably FAST grant applicants that use accredited SBDC's in determining the award of a FAST grant.	(10 minutes)
<b>13. Gillibrand (NY):</b>	<b>#8</b>	The amendment requires a veteran small-business owner must be at least one of the people appointed to the advisory board overseeing the Small Business Innovation Research Program Grants.	(0 minutes)
<b>14. Walz (MN):</b>	<b>#2</b>	The amendment would require the Small Business Administration to consult with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop an outreach program to publicize the Small Business Innovation Research program to veterans returning from service and encourage veterans with appropriate technical skills to apply for SBIR grants.	(10 minutes)
<b>15. Foster (IL)/ Ellsworth (IN)/ Altmire (PA):</b>	<b>#20</b>	<b>(REVISED)</b> The amendment requires SBIR awardees to be owned and controlled by at least one individual, or a business concern owned and controlled by individuals, who are a citizens	(10 minutes)

of, or permanent resident aliens in, the United States. Any applicant found knowingly hiring, recruiting, or referring for a fee, an unauthorized alien shall not be eligible for the receipt of future awards.

- 16. Welch (VT):**      #21    The amendment strikes language that allows firms not receiving SBIR/STTR Phase I grants to be eligible to receive Phase II.      (10 minutes)
- 17. Welch (VT):**      #22    The amendment limits to half the amount of an agency's SBIR budget that could go to grant awards that exceed \$200,000 for Phase I, and \$1,500,000 for Phase II.      (10 minutes)